



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kwoh et al.  
Serial No.: 09/523,033  
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Entitled: METHOD FOR INCREASING  
HDL CHOLESTEROL LEVEL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as indicated below prior to examination on the merits.

As this amendment is submitted prior to examination on the merits. Only the fee for a multiple dependent claim (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)), enclosed, is believed to be due. However, to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 3 and 4.

Please amend the claims as indicated below in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). A version of the amended claims with markings is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) on a separate sheet attached as Appendix A, and a complete set of pending claims, as amended herein, is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) on a separate sheet attached as Appendix B.